

## From Code Enforcement, Health Department, Building Inspection

### Summer Reminders

#### **RUMMAGE SALES.**

A **rummage sale (also referred to as a "garage sale")** is defined as a temporary business activity that is conducted in whole or part within a residential property and involves the outdoor display and sale of the occupant's used household goods (per Sec. 13-1-86(d) of the Menasha Code of Ordinances).

Rummage sales that comply with the standards listed below are permitted by right as a temporary accessory use in the following zoning districts: R-1 Single Family Residence, R-2 Two-Family Residence, R2-A Multi-Family Zero Lot Line Residence, R-3 Multi-Family Medium Density Residence, R-4 Multi-Family High Density Residence and R-MH Residential Mobile Home Residence. Occupant(s) wishing to conduct a rummage sale in a rented or leased dwelling must obtain written permission from the property owner.

- a. Sales shall be held no more than two (2) times per year.
- b. Sales may last no longer than five (5) consecutive days.
- c. Sales shall be conducted on the occupant's property. Multiple family sales are permitted if they are held on the property of one of the participants.
- d. Goods may not be displayed in the public right-of-way. (In the terrace area)
- e. No consignment goods or goods purchased for resale may be offered for sale.
- f. All items offered for sale, display racks or stands, and signs shall be removed within twenty four (24) hours of completion of the sale.

**Rummage Sale Signs.** Signs announcing rummage sales in accordance with Section 13-1-62(r) are permitted in compliance with the following:

- (1) One (1) sign is allowed per street frontage.
- (2) Signs may be located off-premises but must be on private property; such signs in the public right-of-way are prohibited.
- (3) Signs may not exceed six (6) square feet per sign face, twelve (12) square feet per sign.
- (4) Such signs may be erected no more than seven (7) days before and shall be removed within three (3) days after the announced sale.

#### **SEC. 11-7-2 PUBLIC NUISANCE DEFINED.**

A public nuisance is a thing, act, occupation, condition or use of property which shall continue for such length of time as to substantially annoy, injure or endanger the comfort, health, repose or safety of the public. Violations of the following shall also be considered a public nuisance:

- (b) Any junk, wood, bricks, cement, concrete blocks, abandoned vehicles or machinery or parts thereof, refrigerators, furnaces, washing machines, stoves, or other unsightly debris, such as may tend to depreciate property values in the area or create a nuisance or hazard shall not be allowed on any property, except when such materials are properly housed and out of public view.**
- (d) The failure of anyone who removes any flammable or combustible liquid storage tank without also removing any contaminated soil.**

- (e) Substantially annoy, injure, or endanger the comfort, health, repose or safety of the public.**
- (f) Render the public insecure in life or in the use of the property.**
- (g) Offend the public morals or decency.**

**SEC. 11-7-2 PUBLIC NUISANCE DEFINED. Refers to the condition of the complete exterior of a structure (i.e. dwelling, garage, fence, sheds, building).**

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- (a) The exterior of every structure or accessory structure, residential and non-residential, including fences, shall be maintained in good repair and all surfaces thereof shall be kept painted where necessary for purposes of preservation and appearance. The same shall be maintained free of broken, loose shingles, crumbling stone or brick, excessive peeling paint or other conditions reflective of deterioration or inadequate maintenance.**

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